

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 - 14 as follows and add new claims 15 - 25.

1. (currently amended) A proxy email computer installation including:
- (a) a database in computer memory associating a customer's identification, a customer's actual email address and a customer's proxy email address;
 - (b) an email server ~~to which the~~ having an ability to receive a first email message at the customer's proxy email address ~~directs mail~~;
 - (c) ~~programming to retrieve a customer's actual email address from the database upon receipt of email to that customer's proxy email address;~~
 - (i) first programming to retrieve a customer's actual email address from the database upon receipt of the first email message to the customer's proxy email address;
 - (ii) second programming to forward a second email message to the customer's actual email address, wherein the second email message is formed from the first email message; and
 - (d) ~~programming to copy the content of email to the customer's proxy email address into email to that customer's actual email address; and~~
 - (d) a connection to a communication link forwarding the second email message to the customer's actual email addresses.
 - (e) ~~a connection to a communications link forwarding email to customers' actual mail addresses.~~
2. (currently amended) A method of proxy email address management including:
- (a) associating a proxy email address with a customer having ~~an actual a~~ a customer's actual email address[[,]]; and
 - (b) receiving an email intended for the customer at the proxy email address[[,]]; and

(c) forwarding the email ~~containing the messages intended for the customer~~ to the customer's actual email address.

3. (currently amended) The method according to claim 2, further comprising:

(d) recording the proxy email address in a database in association with the customer's actual email address~~[[,]]~~; and

(e) looking up the customer's actual email address upon receiving the email ~~messages intended for the customer~~ at the proxy email address.

4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3, further comprising:

(f) causing a Web page to be displayed ~~a Web page at a proxy domain name, said Web page bearing said~~ that bears the proxy email address.

5. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3, further comprising:

~~(d)~~ (f) receiving a second email ~~addressed to the proxy~~ from ~~[[a]]~~ the customer~~[[,]]~~; and

(e) (g) forwarding the second email ~~copying the content of the email addressed to the proxy into an email form the proxy~~ to a third party identified by the customer.

6. (currently amended) A proxy email computer installation including:

(a) a database in computer memory storing customer information in association with a proxy email ~~addresses~~ address, ~~wherein the said~~ customer information ~~including customers'~~ includes a customer's actual email ~~addresses~~ address;

(b) an email server to receive an email intended for a customer at the ~~[[a]]~~ proxy email address ~~stored in the database in association with that customer's information~~;

(c) computer executable code on a computer-usable medium or media providing:

(i) first programming to detect the email received at the email server intended for ~~eustomers~~ the customer;

~~(d)~~ (ii) second programming for retrieving ~~[[a]]~~ the customer's actual email address from the database upon receipt of the email ~~addressed to the proxy email address associated in the database with that customer's customer information~~;

(iii) third programming to forward the email to the customer's actual email address; and

(e) ~~programming to copy the content of an email addressed to a customer's proxy email address into an email to that customer's email address; and~~

(f) (d) a connection to a communication link for forwarding the email to ~~customers'~~ the customer's actual email ~~addresses~~ address.

7. (currently amended) The proxy email computer installation according to claim 6, further comprising:

(g) (e) a filtering software in computer-executable code on a computer-usable medium or media for preventing an objectionable email being forwarded to [[a]] the customer.

8. (currently amended) The proxy email computer installation according to claim 7, further comprising, in said database, an indication of customer's choice or choices for an email filtering.

9. (currently amended) The proxy email computer installation according to claim 8, wherein the customer's choice or choices ~~include~~ includes one of:

- (i) no filtering[.,,];
- (ii) blocking all emails addressed to the proxy email address associated with the ~~customer~~ customer's information[.,,]; and
- (iii) blocking objectionable emails addressed to the proxy email address associated with the ~~customer~~ customer's information.

10. (previously presented) The proxy email computer installation according to claim 9, wherein the blocked objectionable email is selected from the group consisting of SPAM, bulk email, advertising, pornography and code to interfere with a computer's workings.

11. (currently amended) A computer program for proxy email address management comprising in computer-executable code on a computer usable medium or media:

(a) first programming establishing a database for storing customer information in association with a proxy email address, ~~said information including customers'~~ wherein the customer information includes a customer's actual email addresses address;

- (b) second programming to identify a first email intended for a customer addressed to the ~~customer's~~ proxy email address;
- (c) third programming to retrieve ~~[[a]] the~~ customer's actual email address;
- (d) fourth programming to copy ~~the~~ content of the first email to a second email ~~customer's proxy email address into email to a customer's actual email address;~~ and
- (e) fifth programming operative to send the second email to ~~[[a]] the~~ customer's actual email address.

12. (currently amended) The programming computer program in a computer-executable code on a computer usable medium or media according to claim 11, further comprising sixth programming to identify a third email from ~~[[a]] the~~ customer, and seventh programming for copying ~~the~~ content of the third email ~~from a customer into an email from the proxy to the~~ to a fourth email for the customer's intended recipient.

13. (currently amended) The programming computer program in a computer-executable code on a computer usable medium or media according to claim 11, further comprising sixth programming for filtering out objectionable ~~email~~ emails.

14. (currently amended) The programming computer program in a computer-executable code on a computer usable medium or media according to claim 13, further comprising seventh programming for receiving a customer's choice or choices of filtering and for storing ~~these the choice or~~ choices in the database, and eighth programming to recognize ~~[[a]] the~~ customer's choice or choices and filtering email filter or not filter emails to the customer based on the customer's ~~stored~~ choice or choices.

15. (new) The proxy email computer installation according to claim 1, wherein the email server is set up to receive all incoming proxy emails to a common catch-all account, and the email computer installation further comprises an email address management system that periodically checks for new emails for any customer.

16. (new) The proxy email computer installation according to claim 15, wherein the first programming to retrieve a customer's actual email address includes programming to check

email addresses of all addressed and copied parties for a proxy email address being served by the proxy email server whenever a new email is found by the email address management system.

17. (new) The proxy email computer installation according to claim 16, wherein the second programming comprises programming to copy the content of the first email message into the second email message, the second email message comprising an email message from the proxy computer installation to the customer at the customer's actual email address.

18. (new) The proxy email computer installation according to claim 17, further comprising programming in computer executable code on a computer usable medium or media to effect deletion of an email once addresses of all addressed and copied parties have been checked for proxy email addresses of customers and any content has been copied to an email to the actual email addresses of any customers whose proxy email addresses have been found.

19. (new) The method of proxy email address management according to claim 2, further comprising receiving all incoming proxy emails to a common catch-all account, and periodically checking for new emails for any customer.

20. (new) The method of proxy email address management according to claim 19, wherein periodically checking for new emails for any customer comprises checking addresses of all addressed and copied parties for a proxy email address associated with any customer whenever a new email is found.

21. (new) The method of proxy email address management according to claim 20, wherein forwarding the email to the customer's actual email address comprises copying the content of the email into a second email to the customer's actual email address.

22. (new) The method of proxy email address management according to claim 21, further comprising deleting an email once addresses of all addressed and copied parties have been checked for proxy email addresses of customers and the email has been copied to the actual email addresses of any customers whose proxy email addresses have been found.

23. (new) The method of proxy email address management according to claim 2, further comprising receiving a non-email message sent to the customer at a location based on publicly available proxy contact information.

24. (new) The method of proxy email address management according to claim 23, wherein receiving non-email messages comprises receiving a message by ground carrier service.

25. (new) The method of proxy email address management according to claim 23, further comprising alerting the customer to the receipt of the non-email message, affording the customer the opportunity to request receipt of the non-email message, and forwarding the non-email message to the customer if the customer requests receipt of the non-email message.

26. (new) The method according to claim 4, wherein step (f) comprises saving the proxy email address into whois data for a domain name.